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Cameron on course for victory

SNP sweeping the board in Scotland with Labour set for worst result since 1987

Live — The battle for Westminster

Cameron forecast to be 10 short of overall majority; Major Labour figures fall in Scotland

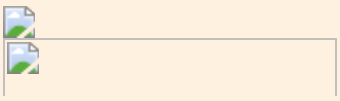
Labour election chief falls to SNP storm

Douglas Alexander’s defeat to 20-year-old is emblematic of nationalist march

VIDEO

RSA's interest rate issue

Low interest rates are undermining the recovery of British insurer RSA. Lex's Robert Armstrong and Oliver Ralph discuss the impact of low rates and whether chief executive Stephen Hester's remedial work will be enough to counter the problem.



US HOMEPAGE

Cameron on course for UK election victory

Scottish National Party sweeping Scotland as rift with England deepens

Shell-shocked Labour faces historic defeat

Miliband under pressure as Scottish rout presages ‘catastrophic’ night

Tories hail ‘vote of confidence’ in Cameron

Early results endorse exit poll suggesting prime minister is on his way back to Downing St

EUROPE HOMEPAGE

US Senate passes Iran nuclear review bill

Overwhelming support signals rare moment of bipartisan unity

Greek debt talks near ‘drop dead’ moment

Athens faces default unless creditors agree two rescue deals in seven weeks

Investors hit by eurozone bond volatility

Bond yields show signs of stability after rapid rise this week

ASIA HOMEPAGE

Hutchison reveals investors in 02 deal

Alibaba names Daniel Zhang as chief

Change comes less than a year after record New York listing

Fitness tracker Fitbit files for IPO

Profitable wearable device maker looks to NYSE float

WORLD NEWS

Court rules NSA phone surveillance illegal

US judges’ finding lends severe blow to domestic spying programme

Germany promises €1.5bn tax cut for 2016

Modest giveaway unlikely to assuage critics pushing Berlin to boost domestic demand

Gazprom announces Turkish pipeline deal

Project follows collapse of South Stream scheme amid EU objections

Airports commission launches new review

Davies makes eleventh-hour attempt to avert legal challenge over air quality

India: Learning a hard lesson

While billions are spent on new schools to boost literacy and growth, teaching standards lag behind

COMPANIES NEWS

Spotify to launch video-streaming service

Swedish group to announce new offering later this month

Water squeeze hits food and drink groups

Drought, pollution and supply problems take toll on companies from Coca-Cola to Unilever

Tough US extradition fight for UK trader

Experts say Sarao, accused of playing a role in 2010 ‘flash crash’, will probably face Chicago court

Areva cuts 6,000 jobs ahead of rescue plan

French nuclear group to lose 14% of workforce as options run out

SFO wins documents battle in BSGR case

Decision is setback for people linked to Israeli tycoon Beny Steinmetz’s mining arm

MARKETS

Bond turmoil sparks volatile trading

Dollar rebounds and equities rise

Europe and US push back derivatives deal

Futures regulators aim to conclude accord to recognise clearing houses by summer

Rupee hit by tax dispute and rising oil

Indian currency falls to 20-month low against the dollar

Hedge funds dig deep for greater returns

Managers are looking at more esoteric investments for yield

Puerto Rico faces battle to avoid default

US territory seeks deal with hedge fund creditors

COMMENT

Broken parties that may break Britain

The surge in SNP support has not overturned the outcome of September's referendum

China's anti-corruption drive hits the economy

Graft has been so rampant that there is barely an official who can claim to be untainted, writes Jingzhou Tao

Justice catches up with Salman Khan

Many thought him guilty but believed the star's wealth would protect him, writes James Crabtree

Student debt ruins the American dream

There are 'eerie parallels' between the loan tale and subprime mortgages

Salesforce faces need for reinvention

Founder Marc Benioff must switch from chasing growth to chasing profits

MANAGEMENT

Young, bright, paying to work overseas

Graduates are increasingly opting for foreign internships

Microsoft shows off ambitious Hololens

The latest prototype resembles a pair of reading glasses and a ski mask, but is seriously impressive

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